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Report of the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 65/315, the General Assembly decided to establish, at its sixty-sixth session, an ad hoc working group on the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly, open to all Member States:

(a) To identify further ways to enhance the role, authority, effectiveness and efficiency of the Assembly, inter alia, by building on previous resolutions and evaluating the status of their implementation;

(b) To submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its sixty-sixth session.

2. In the same resolution, the General Assembly also decided that the Ad Hoc Working Group should continue its review of the inventory of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization, based on the updated annex to the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group submitted at the sixty-third session (A/63/959), and requested the Secretary-General to submit an update on the provisions of the Assembly resolutions on revitalization addressed to the Secretariat for implementation that had not yet been implemented, with an indication of the constraints and reasons behind any lack of implementation, for further consideration by the Ad Hoc Working Group at the sixty-sixth session.

3. The present update report is submitted pursuant to that resolution.

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Annex

Updated inventory/chart of General Assembly resolutions on revitalization[a]

The updated chart is subject to the comments and conditions indicated in the explanatory note to the original version contained in annex I to document A/62/952/Add.1.

Cluster I: working methods, documentation, agenda, etc.

No.	*Resolution*	*Text of the provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments in A/62/952/Add.1*	*Update*
A.	**General provisions related to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly**				
2.	60/286, annex, para. 24	Requests the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat to make precedents and past practice available in the public domain with respect to rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization	Secretary-General/ Office of Legal Affairs	One-time action. The Office of Legal Affairs has concluded the process of compiling precedents and past practice with respect to the rules and practices of the intergovernmental bodies of the Organization. That information will be made available in the public domain shortly (A/62/608)	Implemented. See: http://untreaty.un.org/ola/publications_2.aspx
G.	**Provisions related to documentation: consolidation of reports**				
18.	58/316, annex, para. 6 (c) *Also in*: 57/300, para. 20	To take the necessary action to initiate the implementation of provisions of paragraph 20 of resolution 57/300, in which the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to start, on a trial basis, a consultative process with the President of the General Assembly and the Chairs of the Main Committees of the Assembly at the end of the main part of each session of the Assembly, with a view to consolidating reports on related subjects, if decided by the Main Committees	Secretary-General/ President of the General Assembly/ Member States	Consultations have not been held, as there is no applicable decision by the Main Committees	See comments column

[a] Based on the chart prepared at the sixty-third session, as contained in document A/63/959.

Cluster III: role and authority of the General Assembly

No	*Resolution*	*Text of the provision*	*Implementing entity*	*Comments in A/62/952/Add.1*	*Update*
II. Provisions related to public relations activities					
23.	60/286, annex, para. 16	Encourages the Presidents of the General Assembly to increase their public visibility, including through enhanced contacts with representatives of the media and civil society, thus promoting the activities of the Assembly, and encourages the Secretary-General to continue the practice of providing to the Office of the President of the General Assembly a Spokesperson for the President of the Assembly and an assistant to the Spokesperson	President of the General Assembly/ Secretary-General	Ongoing provision. Since the sixtieth session, for example, the Presidents of the General Assembly, together with the Chairs of the Main Committees, have periodically briefed representatives of civil society on the programme of work of the Assembly at its current sessions (A/61/483, p. 20, and A/62/608, p. 15). No assistant to the Spokesperson for the President of the General Assembly has been provided since January 2008	Department of Public Information has organized periodic press conferences by the President of the General Assembly, both to enhance contact with the media and to increase the visibility of the Assembly and its work. Further, the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has facilitated the organization of interactive hearings with representatives of civil society before major conferences, summits and other high-level meetings, as mandated, for the same purposes. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management has also organized informal plenary meetings of the General Assembly to hear periodic briefings by the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary-General. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management regularly briefs the media on the General Assembly's elections and programme of work. In addition, the Secretary-General has been reporting to the Assembly, through the Committee on

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					Information, on steps taken to increase the visibility of the Assembly and its work, as mandated. While the status of implementation regarding the assistant to the Spokesperson remains unchanged, the Department of Public Information continues to provide the Office of the President of the General Assembly with a Spokesperson, from within existing resources, as well as other support and services